

MINERS' STRIKE FEARED

President Mitchell's Remarks Likely to Be Followed by Action.

A Struggle for the Recognition of the Union Regarded as Imminent. The Operators in Readiness to Confront Proceedings at Hazleton.

HAZLETON, Pa., March 12.—The remark made by President Mitchell in the course of his speech at yesterday's session of the Mine Workers' Convention, to the effect that the anthracite miners were as much entitled to their employers meeting them in joint conference as were the bituminous miners is generally regarded as ominous and as foreshadowing a determination on the part of the union to force the issue of "recognition" of their union at all hazards.

By "recognition" the union miners mean that, as a preliminary step to further negotiation, the operators shall confer with the men upon labor points in dispute. Every operator and operating company has been invited to appear at a joint conference to be held on Friday, but not one has accepted the invitation, with but one exception, none has even acknowledged the receipt of the invitation.

It is quite certain that more will appear at the conference, and of this fact, leaders of the miners are well aware. What course the convention or to speak more correctly, Mr. Mitchell—for he controls the situation—will take if the convention is ignored by the operators is no longer regarded as a question. It is expected that Mr. Mitchell's significant Scranton interview and his speech here yesterday.

The decision to be drawn from these, and the general expectation here is that failure of the operators to participate in a joint conference will be followed by an ultimatum on the part of Mr. Mitchell that they must either do so or a strike will follow. If there should be a strike, it will be fought to a finish by the operators. Speaking of this, one of the individual operators said some time ago:

"We cannot and will not enter upon negotiations with the union, for we do not want to be in the same position the bituminous operators are in. There the union has the operators by the throat."

"What today's session of the convention will produce cannot be foretold. Considerable interest at yesterday's session manifested itself, and it may take several days before the convention really gets down to business of general interest."

The convention opened shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, with 60 delegates present, representing the various districts of the coal fields. The first order of business was the report of the committee on credentials, which was read, and the convention declared legally constituted and ready for business.

CONVENTION IN KNOXVILLE.

Tennessee and Kentucky Miners in Annual Session.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 12.—The United Mine Workers of America Assembly, representing 15,000 Tennessee and Kentucky miners, is in annual session here.

The present scale will probably be continued. Only routine business is being transacted.

MR. GAGE NON-COMMITTAL.

He Refuses to Discuss the Reports of His Resignation.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, arrived in Chicago yesterday afternoon for a visit of a few days with his family. As to reports of his intention to resign from the Cabinet, he would make only the following non-committal statement:

"When I have resigned it will be announced, so that the whole world may know, but I have no intention of resigning. I may have on that subject will be locked in my own breast."

He declined to enter into a discussion of tariff matters, in which Illinois manufacturers are deeply concerned, as affected by his recent decisions as Secretary of the Treasury.

"It is no use talking about that," he pleaded, "as the case will come up before the Board of Appraisers within another week, and will be settled then. I don't care to argue my position."

TO KEEP GIRLS OFF THE STAGE.

Representative Introduces a Bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 12.—Representative Hess, of Philadelphia, yesterday introduced in the Legislature a bill as a result of his family's finding the following letter with a fourteen-year-old girl in whom they were interested:

"Your letter in reply to our advertisement in the paper for girls for stage received. Experience has shown that as a prepossessing, well-shaped girls to play basketball in halls and opera houses, and to learn to sing and dance or take small parts, all of which we will teach you and pay your car fare while rehearsing. We want girls, some to remain in the city and others to travel. Call any afternoon between 2 and 5 o'clock for further particulars."

The Hess bill provides that any person, association, or agency hiring or having, or endeavoring to get by advertising, any child under eighteen, to take part in theatrical, athletic exhibitions, singing or instrumental music, without the consent of the parents or guardians, shall be liable to a fine of from \$50 to \$100, and upon conviction imprisonment from one to three years.

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The Distinguished Italian Dies an Object of Charity.

Celso Caesar Moreno, once Prime Minister of Hawaii, and a soldier of fortune, who died at the Providence Hospital early yesterday morning, will be buried through the charity of his compatriots tomorrow at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery. The remains, which are now at Lee's undertaking establishment, will be removed at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to St. Mary's Catholic Church, where the funeral services will be held at 3.

The once wealthy Italian died penniless, and through the efforts of Francis Sanfelippo, President of the Unione Fratellanza Italiana, and of Angelo Chica, President of the Victor Emmanuel Society, the expenses of the funeral will be met by the city. St. Mary's Church has donated the plot of ground in the church cemetery where the remains will be interred.

A brother of the dead man, an officer in the Italian Navy, has been notified of his death. No response has as yet been received.

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Enthusiastic Over the Prosperity of the West and South.

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THEORIES ABOUT FOOD.

Also a Few Facts on the Same Subject.

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Restaurants may be found in the large cities where no meat, pastry or coffee is served and the food cranked in his glory, and arguments are advanced to prove that meat is never intended for human stomachs, and almost makes us believe that our sturdy ancestors who lived four score years in robust health on roast beef, pork, and mutton must have been the greatest of the great.

Our forefathers had other things to do than formulate theories about the food they ate. A warm welcome was extended to any kind of food that came to hand.

A healthy appetite and common sense are excellent guides to follow in matters of diet, and a mixed diet of grains, fruits, and meats is undoubtedly the best.

As compared with grains and vegetables, meat furnishes the most nutriment in a highly concentrated form. It is digested and assimilated more quickly than vegetables and grains.

Dr. Julius Reichenow on this subject says: "Nervous persons, people run down in health and of low vitality should cut meat and poultry from their diet. It is too feeble at first it may be easily corrected by the regular use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals. At that point, were drowned yesterday while attempting to cross the Potomac River to Orleans Crossroads Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on the West Virginia side."

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Coroner Nevitt So Decides in the Morchiser Cases.

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The body will be taken from the Freedman's Hospital this afternoon and prepared for burial in the cemetery connected with the Soldiers' Home, of which he was a temporary inmate.

The funeral arrangements of Mrs. Morchiser have not been completed, but it is thought the services will take place tomorrow.

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A Man and a Woman Lost in the Swollen Current.

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